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TAGS: SHUM PA
SUBJECT: STATUS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS:AMILCAR SANTUCHO AND OTHERS

REFS A) 77ASUNCION 4619 B) GRAHAM/KAY TELCON

1. AMILCAR SANTUCHO: EMBOFF HAS AGAIN ASKED INTERIOR MINISTRY
OFFICIAL IF THERE IS ANY TRUTH TO REPORTS CIRCULATING
OUTSIDE PARAGUAY THAT
AMILCAR SANTUCHO, CURRENTLY IN ASUNCION'S THIRD PRECINCT JAIL, WILL
BE
TURNED OVER TO ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES. THE OFFICIAL CATEGORICALLY
STATED THAT THE GOP HAS RECOGNIZED SANTUCHO'S UN-CONFERRRED REFUGEE
STATUS AND HAS NO INTENTION WHATSOEVER OF TURNING HIM OVER TO THE
ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES. HE SAID THEY KNEW VERY WELL THAT HE WOULD
QUCKLY "DISAPPEAR" IF THEY DID TURN HIM OVER AND THE GOP WANTED NO
PART OF IT.

2. THE UN HAS ARRANGED FOR SANTUCHO TO TRAVEL TO A THIRD COUNTRY
AND THE INTERIOR MINISTRY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS HAPPEN. HOWEVER, THE
POLICE HAVE SO FAR BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN BLOCKING HIS DEPARTURE AS THEY
WANT TO KEEP HIM AS THEIR "SHOWPIECE" IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST
TERRORISM. SANTUCHO TECHNICALLY IS BEING HELD FOR ENTERING
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THE COUNTRY WITH FALSE DOCUMENTS. THE POLICE DETAINED
SANTUCHO, BELIEVED TO BE AN ARGENTINE ERP LEADER, IN MAY 1976
WHEN HE ALLEGEDLY WAS TRAVELLING TO PERU FOR A MEETING OF THE
"JUNTA COORDINARA REVOLUCIONARIA." DEPARTMENT MAY USE THE
ABOVE INFORMATION AS IT WISHES, PROVIDING THE SOURCE OF THE
INFORMATION IS PROTECTED AND THE INFORMATION REGARDING UN
ARRANGEMENTS FOR SANTUCHO IS NOT DIVULGED.

3. THE STATUS OF PERSONS DETAINED IN PLACES OTHER THAN EMBOSCADA

IS:

RELEASED - 5

BRITEZ, VICTOR - RELEASED FROM CENTRAL POLICE STATION (DATE UNKNOWN)

ESTECHE, PEDRO - RELEASED FROM INVESTIGATIONS (DATE UNKNOWL)
GRANDEL, DOROTEO - FREE TO LEAVE II INFANTRY DIVISION HEADQUARTERS
(DEPARTURE UNCONFIRMED)

JORG, JOSE - RELEASE FROM INVESTIGATIONS

MARECO MEZA, FELIX - IN BRAZIL

CURRENTLY DETAINED - 11

ACOSTA ARANDA, SEVERO - FOURTH PRECINCT (SPOKESMAN OF HUNGER STRIKERS
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BARREIRO, VIRGILIO - THIRD PRECINCT (SPOKESMAN OF HUNGER STRIKERS)

BOGADO GONDRA, JUAN FELIX - TACUMBU

BRITEZ, GUMERCINDO - INVESTIGATIONS

CANESE, JORGE - TACUMBU

GABAZZA OLMEDO, PEDRO 1) - INVESTIGATIONS (DETAINED APRIL 16.

REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SEVERELY TORTURED. PARAGUAYAN

RESIDENT IN ARGENTINA.)

OVANDO, ESCOLASTICO GUILLERMO - CENTRAL POLICE

RODAS, RAFAEL 1) - INVESTIGATIONS (DETAINED IN MID-MAY.

OPM SUSPECT. FUGITIVE SINCE 1976.)

SALABERRY ARMON, CARLOS JOSE - SEVENTH PRECINCT (SPOKESMAN FOR
HUNGER STRIKERS)

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SANTUCHO, AMILCAR - THIRD PRECINCT

UDURIZA SOTOMAYOR, RODOLFO - INVESTIGATION

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